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REF: (A) STATE 147720 (B) BUJUMBURA 1764

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: CHARGE CALLED ON [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] MORNING JUNE 3 TO INITIATE COORDINATION OF  
DEMARCHE TO BURUNDIANS ON SUPPORT FOR UN PKO TO  
RWANDA. [REDACTED] INFORMED THAT HE HAD BEEN CALLED  
TO GENEVA ON THE WEEKEND TO MEET UNSYG BOUTROUS  
GHALI AND WOULD RETURN JUNE 9. HE HAD NOT YET

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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RECEIVED UN SECRETARIAT INSTRUCTIONS. [REDACTED]  
HOWEVER, PREFERRED THAT HE APPROACH THE BURUNDIANS  
FIRST AND THAT WESTERN COMS FOLLOW UP. WE AGREED TO  
REFINE AND DEVELOP AN APPROACH ON HIS RETURN. JUST  
PRIOR TO HIS SUNDAY DEPARTURE, [REDACTED] TOLD CHARGE  
THAT THE PRIME MINISTER OVER THE WEEKEND HAD  
REPEATED HIS OBJECTION TO THE TRANSIT OF PKO FORCES  
AND EQUIPMENT, THOUGH BURUNDI COULD ACCOMMODATE  
HUMANITARIAN GOODS. NONETHELESS, AN UNDAUNTED  
[REDACTED] ASSURED WE WOULD PURSUE THIS CHALLENGE IN  
EARNEST IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN. END SUMMARY.

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3. CHARGE CONTACTED [REDACTED] MORNING JUNE 3  
CONCERNING COORDINATION OF DEMARCHE TO BURUNDI ON  
USE OF THEIR TERRITORY TO SUPPORT EXPANDED UN  
PEACEKEEPING INITIATIVE IN RWANDA. AT THAT POINT  
[REDACTED] HAD NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE UN  
SECRETARIAT BUT SUGGESTED THAT HE WOULD PREFER TO  
MAKE THE DEMARCHE AND TO HAVE WESTERN MISSIONS  
FOLLOW UP WITH THEIR OWN. [REDACTED] BELIEVED THIS

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WOULD BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH AT PRESENT  
GIVEN BURUNDIAN SENSITIVITIES TO THE RWANDAN  
SITUATION AND THEIR PREOCCUPATION WITH PRESIDENTIAL  
SUCCESSION DISCUSSIONS.

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[REDACTED] THE  
[REDACTED] INFORMED THAT HE HAD BEEN CALLED TO GENEVA TO  
MEET WITH BOUTROS GHALI. [REDACTED] WOULD LEAVE JUNE  
5 AND RETURN ON THE 9TH; HE RECOMMENDED COORDINATION  
ON HIS RETURN.

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4. JUST PRIOR TO HIS SUNDAY MORNING DEPARTURE,  
[REDACTED] TOLD CHARGE THAT HE HAD RAISED GRB SUPPORT  
FOR THE PKO WITH PM KANYENKIKO THE PREVIOUS DAY.  
THE PM, HE SAID, VOWED THAT BURUNDI COULD HELP THE  
UN EFFORTS TO MOVE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF SUPPLIES BUT  
NOT/NOT TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT. [REDACTED] SAID HE  
WAS NOT PUT OFF BY THE PM'S REACTION, HE DID ADMIT  
THAT GETTING BURUNDI TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE  
REQUEST WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT. HE MENTIONED THAT  
HE HAD RECEIVED ANOTHER INDICATION OF THAT

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DIFFICULTY FROM MILITARY SPOKESMAN, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHO VOLUNTEERED HIS OPPOSITION TO ANY  
THOUGHT THE UN MIGHT HAVE IN THAT DIRECTION.  
[REDACTED] RECALLED TO CHARGE THAT HE HAD GOTTEN A  
MORE PROMISING REACTION EARLIER FROM [REDACTED]  
SUPERIORS, THE DEFENSE MINISTER AND ARMY CHIEF OF  
STAFF, ALBEIT A CONDITIONED RESPONSE (REF B).

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5. [REDACTED] REPORTED TO WESTERN

[REDACTED] VISIT EARLY LAST WEEK, THE SUBJECT OF  
BURUNDI SUPPORT FOR A POSSIBLE UN INITIATIVE WAS  
RAISED. [REDACTED] WAS TRAVELLING THROUGH  
THE REGION AND STOPPED TO ENCOURAGE AND REASSURE THE  
GRB ON BELGIUM'S CONTINUED SUPPORT. ACCORDING TO  
[REDACTED] INTERIM PRESIDENT NTIBANTUNGANYA WAS  
PREOCCUPIED WITH THE ISSUE OF PRESIDENTIAL  
SUCCESSION; HE TOLD SWINNEN THAT BURUNDI'S SUPPORT  
FOR THE UN WOULD HAVE TO BE STUDIED CAREFULLY. ON  
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OTHER HAND, [REDACTED] BROUGHT UP THE  
TOPIC HIMSELF. INTERESTINGLY [REDACTED] WHO HAD  
PREVIOUSLY BEEN A STRONG PROPONENT OF A FOREIGN  
FORCE FOR BURUNDI LAST OCTOBER TOLD [REDACTED]  
CATEGORICALLY THAT BURUNDI COULD NOT/NOT SERVE AS A  
TRANSIT POINT FOR PKO TROOPS. THE FORMIN DECLARED

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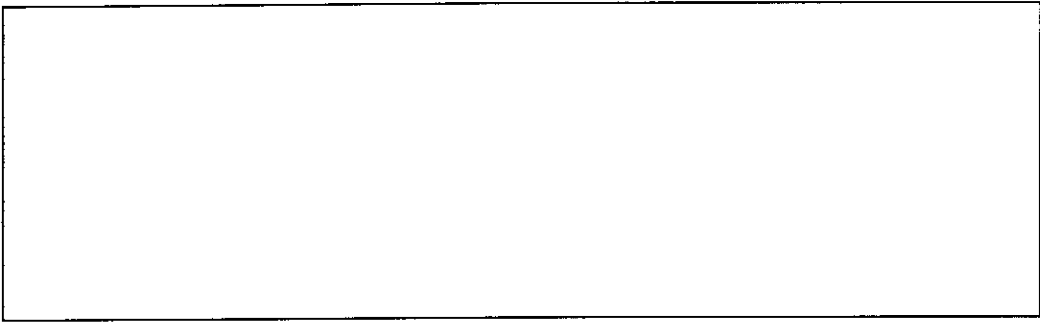
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THAT BURUNDI MILITARY SENSITIVITIES DID NOT PERMIT  
THIS KIND OF SUPPORT NOW.

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